

## PAGE BREAKDOWN FOR BEARBRIDE

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Once upon a very long time ago, two sisters lived with their mother at the foot of Bear Mountain.

This was when bears and people got along much better than they do today.

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The younger sister became good friends with a bear, and they soon decided to marry.

Not to be outdone, the older sister courted the bear's brother, and soon they, too, were to marry.

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Their mother gave her consent to both of them on the condition that after a year's time, they must come to visit her. And so they wed.

The year passed and the first sister visited her mother

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"Oh mother, it's been wonderful," she exclaimed. "In the summertime we have long walks and eat berries and salmon and suchlike, and in the winter he sleeps and I am free to think and write to myself."

"We would like to have children, but I am afraid that would spoil everything."

The mother promised to think on that.

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Soon after, the second daughter came for her visit.

"Oh mother, it's been simply awful," she wailed. "In the summer all he cares about is stuffing his face, and in the winter he does nothing but sleep. I'm so bored I can't stand it. Maybe we should have children; that should bring us closer together."

The mother promised to think on that, too.

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The next day, the mother sat down with her daughters.

To the first she told her to return to her husband, and get started on making grandbabies right away.

To the second, she said, "Sweetheart, I think you need to reconsider this, perhaps find a nice monkey?"